OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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Do Orphanages Pay and where are the Children Reared In Orphan Homes?

Anyone who has ever been in touch with an orpnanage and observed the wondrous, yes miraculous changes that are wrought in the lives of the children trained in an orphanage would not ask such a question, "Does Orphanage work Pay?" In a very striking way an orphanage is similar to a furniture factory except that the former works with precious human lives while the latter deals in dead timber.

Go with us to the mountain woodlands where we hew down a tree, trim off the limbs, and float it down a stream to the saw mill. Here all the bark is removed and it is sawed into planks. Next it is taken to a furniture factory and dried and dressed to a smooth surface. Then skilled workmen accomplish a most transforming function, and in the course of time this piece of furniture is sent forth as a beautiful, polished mirror, admired by many lovers of beauty, and a very different thing from the log taken from the forest only a few months before.

In a like manner an orphanage receives some very crude material from the back woods sections of our State. Children who can neither read nor write, burdened down with the thick bark of ignorance and knotty and warped with bad habits but all of these defects are overcome and knowledge takes root in their place: a bright light begins to shine and the darkness of ignorance is expelled. After many years of patient training and unflagging enthusiasm on the part of the workers in this mill that works with human lives the unpromising little waifs are observed to blossom forth into some of the most beautiful characters in the State; men and women true as steel and capable of filling exalted places in the State. After being trained in the Scriptures from their very childhood it is not surprising that they make among the best church workers to be found.

In answer to the oft-asked question "What Becomes of the Children Reared in the Orphans' Home?" no more fitting answer could be made than the one given by Rev. R. W. Boyd, our former superintendent, when asked that question:

"Could I by a magic bugle blast assemble all the children who once were students at the Orphans' Home I could establish a community in which churches, schools, manufactories, commercial, mechanical, agricultural enterpises of almost every desirable character could be inaugurated with Orphan Home trained persons as managers, except that we would have no lawyer nor judge but I apprehend we would seldom need the services of these."

Whether in the gospelministry, practicing medicine, in the school room on the farm, in the shop, engaged as trained nurses, in newspaper offices, in the army or navy or what not, an investigation will reveal the fact that all of our alumni are in active service.

By way of proof of what we say it is our pleasure to give the history of a few families that have been beneficiaries of the Home. In the early life of the Home we received six children from Lenoir. The oldest, after finishing her course at Barium, went to Red Springs, graduating, went to New York, became the wife of a Y. M. C. A. Secretary, who is now bookkeeper for the Munsey Magazine. The second graduated at the State Normal and is now a teacher of fine reputation in Pittsburg, California. The third attended A. & M. College at Raleigh, later took a course in cotton mill machinery at Bittle, Me., and is now superintendent of a large cotton mill at Kanna-

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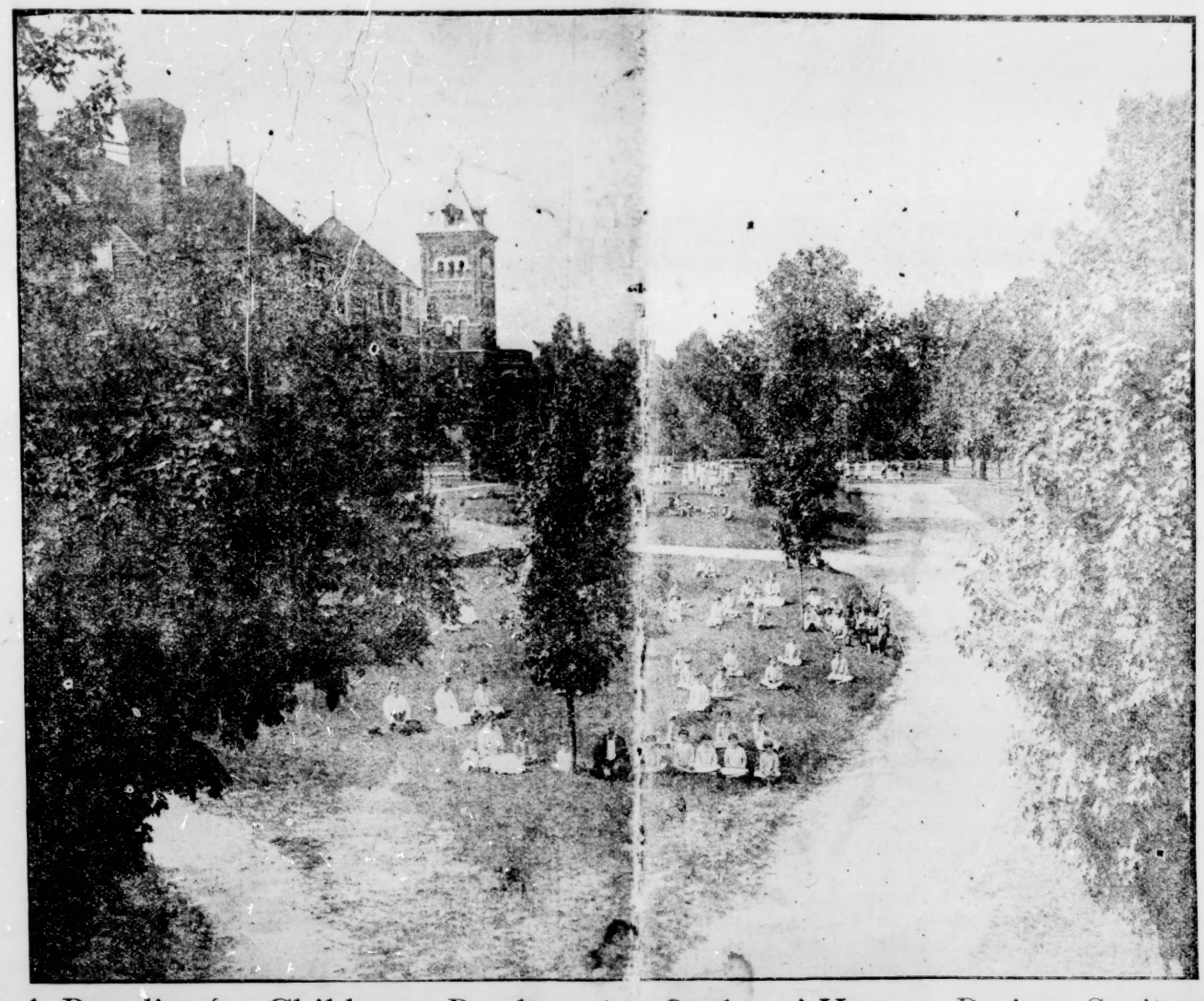

A Paradise for Children---Presbyterian Orphans' Home---Barium Springs.

This is the latest picture of our campus. Look at the groups of bright, happy children and imagine, if you can, that you have had a share in making them the happiest children in the world on this Christmas eve. Truly this is a place "Where Happiness Reigns Supreme," and every Presbyterian in N. C. has occasion to be justly proud.

A Christmas Hymn.

As shadows cast by cloud and sun
Flit o'er the summer grass,
So, in thy sight, Almighty One,
Earth's generation pass.
And as the years, an endless host,
Come swiftly pressing on,
The brightest names that earth can boast,
Just glisten and are gone.

Yet doth the star of Bethlehem shed
A lustre pure and sweet:
And still it leads, as once it led,
To the Messiah's feet.
O Father, may that holy star
Grow every year more bright,
And send its glorious beams afar
To fill the world with light.

William Cullen Bryant.

An Appreciated Letter.

The following letter is only one of many that come our way at this season of the year:

My dear Mr. Walker:

We are sending by express today two large crates containing 32 turkeys for Christmas dinner at the Orphans' Home at Barium.

I hope they will reach you in good time and in good condition.

Some of the turkeys are small as they failed to measure up to the standard engaged, so we have sent more than the number you will probably need, but with the request that all be prepared for the Christmas dinner so that each little healthy appetite may be perfectly appeased.

These turkeys have been given by friends of the Orphans' Home in the First Presbyterian Church and members of Reynolds Presbyterian Sunday School and are sent through the D. C. Rankin Missionary Society of the First Church.

* * * With best wishes for the Home and all connected with it, at all times, but especially at the Christmas season which I hope will prove the very happiest to the good superintendent, his assistants and all the dear little children gathered there.

Believe me,
Most sincerely yours,
Mrs. Henry Roan,
Winston-Salem, N. C.

We have recently received clubs of subscribers from the Wilson Church, Clinton Church, Iona Church, Little River Church, Chadbourn Sunday School and Clio Church. Welcome into the fold friends, you could not get into better company than the large number of readers of Our Fatherless Ones.

HOME HAPPENINGS

—Merry Christmas.

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—Happy New Year.

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—Mrs. J. W. Kirkpatrick of Sharon Church contributed a nice coop of chickens.

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—The Ladies Aid Society of Huntersville recently sent two quilts.

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—We have received a box filled with canned fruit from the Miriams in Lumber Bridge Church.

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Rev. H. B. Searight of Washington remembered us with a box filled with cranberries and sugar.

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Mr. Geo. Howard, one of our regents, contributed 18 dozen pair girl's hose as a Christmas gift to the Home.

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—The Christmas holidays for the children will begin Friday, December 25, and end with Friday, January 1st.

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—The Ladies Aid Society of Robinson Church sent the Home 72 jars of fruit and 21 chickens recently.

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—'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

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—Mr. Walsh gave us a most interesting discourse on last Sunday afternoon on the "Three Wise Men from the East." It was very appropriate for the season of the year and proved to be one of the most interesting sermons we have heard in a long while.

—Miss Catherine McRae left Friday night to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives at Rocky Mount.

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—Some unknown friend sent us a barrel of the finest apples we have received. They were certainly worthy of a name as a contributor.

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—Friends in the First Presbyterian Church, Charlotte, contributed three barrels of nuts to assist in the filling of the children's stockings.

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—"Eugene, (our four year old baby boy) do you have to stand any examinations," asked one of the small boys, "yeth I'ave to stan 'saminations eve' day in muver Grier's room on talking."

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—The fall term examinations are over and a wave of relief has passed over the face of all of our pupils. However, some few are living in dread for fear they failed.

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—In answer to the examination question, "What caused the San Francisco earthquake?" one of our small girls made the following reply: "It was caused by a mountain bursting, fire came out and burned the people."

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—The good people of St. Andrews Church, Wilmington, answered the Santa Claus letter of the Annie Louise girl's and we will have thirty-five of the happiest little girls on Christmas morning to be found anywhere in the State.

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—Miss Katherine Crawford left Wednesday for Jacksonville, Fla., to spend the holidays.

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"I Stepped in Your Steps all the Way.

A father and his tiny son
Crossed a rough street one snowy day,
"See, papa," cried the little one,
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

Ah, random childish hands, that deal
Quick thrusts no coat of proof could stay!
It touched him with the touch of steel—
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

If this man shirks his manhood's due,
And heeds what lying voices say,
It is not one who falls, but two—
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

But they who thrust off greed and fear,
Who love and watch, who toil and pray,
How their hearts carol when they hear:
"I stepped in your steps all the way!"

—Roy T. House in The Ladies Home Journal.

Answers Santa Claus Letter

Dear Friends:—

The Christian Endeavor Society of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, are sending today by express, twenty-four dolls with the fruit sent from the Sunday school. We have another box of 12 dolls in it that we expect to get off this afternoon, making 36 dolls in all.

In the letter from the Home to "Santa" you advised that there was 35 little girls who wanted dolls, so you can give the extra doll to Lucky's girl.

After we had made all arrangements for sending the dolls one of the ladies of our church told us that it was foolish of us to send the dolls, as the first Church of Greensboro furnished all toys for the children. We hope this is not the case, as we would like to have some share in giving happiness to His little ones. I have tried to get the dolls alike as near as possible, but one of the girls donated a rather expensive doll, so we ask that you present this to the "baby" of the Home, or give it as you think best.

Wishing each and every one of you at Barium Springs a very Happy Christmas, I remain,

Sincerely,
(Miss) Isabel McDougall,
Wilmington, N. C.

—One of the surest ear marks of failure in boys is to note those who go to sleep in church and miss all that tends to elevate the life of one to a higher plain of living. Nine times out of ten the boy who gets into the habit of sleeping while something is being said worth while will never make a man who will amount to much in the world.

Timely Comment on Topics of Interest in Church and State

"The Orphans' Friend."

The dying wish of one great man was that these words only be placed on his tomb for the eyes of future generations to behold: "Noah Biggs, born Jan 9, 1842, died——. The Orphans' Friend." Truly he was a friend of the orphans as evinced by his life and final will. He leaves a bequest of $95,000 to the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage to be used in helping to educate the worthy boys and girls of the orphanage who desire a college education. Mr. Biggs went to Scotland Neck at the age of 18 with practically nothing. However, he diligently used the talents intrusted to him by his Lord, was liberal, almost extravagant in his giving to the orphanage cause and the Lord prospered him in Zion. He died a wealthy man, but it appears his only object in collecting wealth was that he might distribute it to further the Master's Kingdom in the world. While we shall not profit any in dollars and cents as a result of this man's liberality, yet the example set by him will aid orphans everywhere as it impresses upon the hearts of all men the blessings of loving assistance given to the unfortunate. May God raise up more men like Noah Biggs whose hearts yearns to help His fatherless children.

A Million for Women's Rights

According to the papers Mrs. Frank Leslie of New York has left over a million dollar bequest to further the cause of equal suffrage. When that amount of money becomes available to use as ammunition in the fight our readers may expect to hear firing all along the line and we men just as well surrender without firing a shot. But it does look like the campaign and great expense is a useless one when all legislation desired may be accomplished at the right time without a struggle. If all the married women in North Carolina would go to their husbands and ask for the ballot as a Christmas present we feel certain that only in a few cases would the request be refused. But it does look like the women want to vote twice, at least the married women. Many of them vote their husbands. Think of it, a million for woman suffrage, we would that that million be used to feed the starving women and children on the face of the earth.

It is officially announced that the cornerstone of Oglethorpe University will be laid in Atlanta on January 21, 1915. Dr. Thornwell Jacobs and his associates deserve highest praise for succeeding in an undertaking that appeared impossible to unbelievers. The university will be Presbyterian. It is also announced that a barrier will be placed around the university to safeguard it from the covetous eyes of secularists in years to come. We don't know what this means unless it is that no individual of wealth shall be allowed to destroy the ideals of the university by buying it without the consent of the church responsible for its existence.

—The following children united with the church after the meeting recently conducted in Little Joe's Church: Hobert Clubb, Earl Gordon, Martin Hess, Gertrude McPhail, Judith Bowman, Floy Adams, Georgia Vernon, Ruth Alene Patterson, Miriam Jordan, Carrie Devinny, Florence Hess and Sallie McNeill. Miss Margaret Gordon was also received by certificate. It is not difficult to gain recruits for our church because it becomes second nature for the children to unite with the church after being given daily instruction in religious things by reciting memory verses and catechism. Then, too, the Bible is in our school as a regular study.

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GIFTS WE CAN ALL GIVE.

If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend's the fleeter,
If any lift of mine may ease
The burden of another,
God give me love and strength
To help my toiling brother.

—Anon.

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Think not of your own vexations,
Be gentle and warm and true.
"Keep sweet" as long as there's grief
And Life will be sweet to you.

The past year has been one crowded with blessings for the Home.

We wish all of our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. If you do not receive everything you want just remember the poor, suffering people in the countries at war and you will count yourself blessed. Let us try to make someone else merry and we will be bound to have a taste of it ourselves.

Our records show that the first orphans received in the Orphans' Home when it was located in Charlotte were received April 1888. During the three years in Charlotte thirty children were received, twenty-seven girls and three boys. During the twenty-three years at Barium Springs we have received probably five hundred children and cared for them until they were large enough to care for themselves.

After all our happiness at this season of the year is to be measured by our appreciation of the birthday of the Master and not by the number of gifts we receive. The giving of presents is the worldly way of celebrating the day, and many people have forgotten the origin and spirit of Christmas altogether. It is not what others do for us that ought to make us happy, but what we do for others, because then we know we have the smile of the Master's approval.

The people who have noised it around that Mr. Chas. W. Tillett is trimming his sails to run for some elective office have another thought coming. He says there is no office to which the people of North Carolina could elect him that he would accept if handed to him on a silver waiter. Most people seen to have sized up Mr. Tillett in a wrong light. The fight he is making against cigarettes and coca-cola carries no glory with it. It is the work of a martyr to stand out alone and be the mark for the darts of such a formidable enemy.

A GREAT WORK.

We presented the orphanage work of the Southern Presbyterian Church last week in a way that spoke for itself. Our Southern Church supports eleven orphanages, and these orphanages care for 1,074 orphan children. The property has a totol valuation of $740,000. After looking at all of the pictures of orphanages we believe our friends had occasion to be reasonably proud of the showing made by the Synod of North Carolina.

FOR THE ORPHAN.

The State Wide Orphanage Convention will be held in Raleigh on December 29th. The convention will convene in Hall of Legislature at 10 A. M., with Dr. Z. Paris, Grand Chaplain I. O. O. F., presiding.

The following speakers appear on the program which assures us that the meeting will be as progressive and up-lifting as any ever held in the State: Prayer by Rev. J. N. Cole; Address of Welcome, Gov. Locke Craig; "Neglected Orphan," Bishop J. C. Kilgo; "Duty of the Church to the Orphan," "Rev." Archibald Johnson; "Duty of State to Orphan," Charles H. Ireland; "Relation of Society to the Orphan," Mrs. Al. Fairbrother; "Duty of the Philanthropist to the Orphan," W. H. Swift; "State Orphanage Association of North Carolina," Walter Thomson.

It will be noted that some of the beacon lights in the orphanage world will speak and this feature ought to attract a good attendance. All friends of the orphan are urged to be present and take a part.

"Our Fatherless Ones is getting better and better each week." That voices the general sentiment of the letters that come to this paper. We know the day will never come when there will not be room for improvement in this paper, but we want to say right here that those who expect Our Fatherless Ones to gradually grow into a great church paper have a disappointment in store. If we could we would not try to make it so. The field is already filled with excellent church papers that could hardly be improved upon. Our Fatherless Ones will in no sense take the place of our church papers. It is strictly an orphanage paper and aspires to fame only as a messenger in behalf of the fatherless of our land. But who could desire a share in a greater work, a work more in keeping with the teachings of Jesus, than this of ministering to the needs of orphan children.

On the program of speakers at the orphanage convention in Raleigh next week appears the name of "Rev." Johnson, the most noted blockade preacher within our borders. Now we are even, doctor. In the first place it makes Bro. Johnson sweat to stick "Rev" onto his name, and in the second place it makes him foam at the mouth to leave off "Mr." when writing "Rev." without initials. It will take the good doctor less than a second to inform us that he is not a preacher in the first place and in the second he wants the world to know that he isn't a negro.

The reason why Our Fatherless Ones should have a large circulation is very evident to all thinking people. Those who know give and do. Those who do not know of the work and calls and needs of the Orphans' Home have no concern for it. The pastor who would be loyal to the Orphans' Home can do no better thing than to see to it that Our Fatherless Ones goes to every home.

As is our custom, we will not issue a paper next week on account of the Christmas holidays.

Our printer boys deserve the well-earned rest as they have been putting in over time in the printing office for several months. This issue makes four issues for this month anyway so our readers will get as many papers this month as they usually get. The next paper will appear January 7, 1915.

"What Becomes of the Children Trained in the Orphans' Home?" That is a question we have tried to answer in this paper. Taking them as a whole we are just as proud of the records being made by our children as we can be. In most cases they are keeping the faith.

Gems of Thought
for Every Day Living.

Whichever way the wind doth blow,
Some heart is glad to have it so;
Then blow it east or blow it west,
The wind that blows that wind is best.
Caroline E. Mason.

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Then let us smile when skies are gray,
And laugh at stormy weather!
And sing life's lonesome times away,
So worry and the dreariest day
Will find and end together.
—Anon.

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There will always be stars through the window bars if we look to see them shine.—Ex.

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If happiness has not her seat and center in the breast, we may be wise, or rich, or great, but never can be blest.—Robert Burns.

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"He never lived who could say that the saloon helped him to be a better man; thousands say it has ruined them."

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"It is the habitual thought that frames itself into our life. It affects us even more than our intimate social relations do."

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Thank God every morning when you get up that you have something to do that must be done, whether you like it or not. Being forced to work, you get temperance, self-control, diligence, strength or will, content, and a hundred virtues that the idle will never know.—Charles Kingsley.

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Deliberate long before thou consecrate a friend; and when impartial judgment concludes him worthy of thy bosom, receive him joyfully and entertain him wisely; impart thy secrets boldly and mingle thy thoughts with his; he is thy very self: and use him so; if thou firmly believe him faithful, thou makest him so.—Quarles.

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Everyone of us casts a shadow. There hangs above us a sort of penumbra—a strange, indefinable something—which we call the personal influence, which has its effects on every other life on which it falls. It goes with us wherever we go. It is not something we can have when we will, as we lay aside a garment. It is something that always pours out from our life like light from a lamp, life heat from a flame, life perfume from a flower.—J. R. Miller.

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A Good Way

A good way to be happy is to try to be useful and helpful.

A good way to come out all right is to be sure to start right.

A good way to succeed is to be always trying to do your best.

A good way to please God is to try to do the things you know He would like to have you do.—Selected.

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A Smile

Nothing on earth can smile but man! Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared to an eye-flash and a mirth-flash? Flowers cannot smile; this is a charm that even they cannot claim. It is the prerogative of man; it is a light in the windows of the face, by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting. A face that cannot blossom, and dries up on the stalk. Laughter is day, and sobriety is night, and a smile is the twilight that hovers gently between both—bewitching than either.—Henry Ward Beecher.

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True Giving Recognizes No Burdens.

There is a great deal said, and some of it no doubt with justice, against making the observation of Christmas burdensome. But to bring this about, a change of motive is more necessary than a change of method. Quite to the point is the story of the little girl, struggling under the weight of a child only a little smaller. "That child is to heavy for you to carry," someone said and she replied quickly, "He isn' heavy, He's my brother."

Love recognizes no burdens. Its service is not a task, but a joy.

When people are continually complaining of the burden Christmas lays upon them the listeners are driven to fear that there is more of the thought of duty in their giving than of love.—Ex.

Get the Christmas Spirit.

There are some things we can get only by taking them from others, and other things we can get only by giving them to others. We can get gold and diamonds only by taking them from or leaving less of them for others. There is only a certain quantity of these things in the world, and what one takes is so much subtracted from what others may get. If a man has five dollars and gives one to a needy person, he has only four left. But other things and the finest goods in life are not subject to this law, but follow an opposite principle of distribution. If a man has a piece of knowledge and imparts it to another, he does not have less knowledge left; rather he has more, for knowledge grows as we impart it. The teacher is always his own best scholar, earning more than any member of his class, for the process of teaching others clarifies and deepens his own knowledge so that the more he has. Affection grows by distributin, so that the more any one loves others the more loving and lovable he becomes. Joy cannot be an individual and selfish experience, but is social in its very nature. As we make others happy their happiness by its subtle contagion kindles and inflames our own, and thus the quality of our happy disposition is twice blessed: it radiates brighness into other hearts and is then reflected back into our own. The way to get Christmas joy is to give it to others, and then it will not fail to return to us. Not that we are to look for a gift to balance every gift we give, for this commercializes the day will turn it into disappointment and bitterness, but that we are to forget ourselves in the general joy, and then our hearts will be saved from morbid self-consciousness and brooding and all the currents of our life will be swept out in the great sea of joy. If we try to suck up the Christmas joy round us into our lives like a sponge we shall be disappointed, but if we throw it forth in streams like a fountain these streams will return to refresh and gladden our own hearts.—Sel.

Footing up The Year's Gains.

Have you learned something this year?

You've had plenty of opportunity, you know. Think it over.

Fifty-two Sabbaths for hearing and learning and thinking about the things that really matter. Three hundred and fourteen other days for trying and testing and using the gains of the Sabbaths.

Perhaps you have learned, some people have:

That it is easy to do God's work when you are going God's way.

That it pays to go apart from the crowd—even the worshiping crowd—for a quiet moment of meditation.

That service is the normal, healthy and satisfying life of the Christian.

That the more you know your Bible the more you love it.

That stewardship not hardship.

That willingness is beetter than brilliance, in the school of Christ.

That the Church is more worth loving than ever, and never had greater need of being loved for its work's sake.

That self-will has no right to blame Providence when things go wrong.

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Nothing Gained By Passing It On.

If you discover a little weakness in a friend, there is nothing gained by opening the eyes of others to the same flaw. If you happened to hear a story which is little to the credit of an acquaintance be careful how you pass it on. Many a life has been spoiled because some misstep of the past' long before atoned for, as far as such things can ever be made right, came the knowledge of someone who lacked the magnamity to keep it to himself. Perhaps he had no especially bad motive in passing it on. He may have told it simply as an interesting bit of news.

But pass it on he did. There are hypocrits in the world who need to be exposed for the public good, but if one is trying to do the right thing and fair thing, let the world think as much of him as it may. If you are a little more clear-sighted than the rest, or better informed, keep your knowledge to yourself.—Sel.

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GLEANINGS
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Orphanage Papers.

Who Helps such as these? Do You?

In the western part of the State there lived a little family composed of father, mother and three little girls. They lived in a modest way, but were happy until the father was stricken with disease and died. Then dark days for the mother came, for she had nothing to support her children on except what she could make by the labor of her hands. She worked hard day and night to provide for her little ones and to make a small insurance payment each week. So great was the effort to save enough to pay the small sum for the insurance that even the children felt the anxiety. But all they were comparatively happy until the youngest child, a little one five years, became sick. She did not have a spell of sickness, but gradully grew weaker and weaker and finally spinal troubled developed.

This additional care and anxiety and expense was almost too much for the mother and she would have fainted under her burden if some kind church people had not come to her rescue. They sent little Mary to a hospital in a large city for treatment. The little girl had a cry when she bade good-bye to her mother and sisters, but after the train started and she had so much to see, and found people so good and kind to her, her childish heart became lighter and she really enjoyed the trip.

A gentleman, becoming interested in her, slipped fifty cents in dimes into her little pocketbook and a dear little girl on the train generously gave her a quarter. This, with another bit of small change she already had, made Mary feel rich and remembering the great need at home, the unselfish child said, with great delight, "I am going to send this back to Mamma to pay her insuranee with." Young as she was only six years of age, she had been impressed with povetry's hard lesson.

That little sum of money of her own, less than a dollar, was to her a fortune. Did she want to buy with it candy, pop-corn or toys? No, she repeatedly and exultantly said, "I am going to give this to Mamma to pay her insurance with."

Dear, unselfish little girl! She did not dream of what a bitter disappointment was in store for her and that she should never see her loved mother again.

While little Mary was in the hospital and only a short time before her complete recovery was pronounced her mother became sick and died. If the clouds had hung dark over this home before, now they were heavier still. A great problem confronted the Christian friends who had helped them before. What could be done with the children? No father, no mother, no money, no home.

No home? Oh! yes, there are orphans' homes built and kept up for such as these. They open their arms in sympathy aud love them and try to give them what is next best to a "really, truly home." The two older sisters were placed in the shelter of a splendid home, while little Mary will soon be taken to another one that has not a superior in Kentucky.

Readers, what would become of these children if it were not for such orphans' homes? Do you help maintain them by your love and prayer and money?—Exchange.

The Secret of Happiness.

Strange that so wonderful a secret should be in possession of comparatively so few people. Millions are still hunting for it, yea, millions die without having found the one, the true secret of happiness: Service, loving service of God and of our fellowmen. To serve day by day; simply, unostentatiously whereever we have been called, in the peaceful fields or in the busy street; in the quiet of the home or in the office; to do, asking and receiving His strength for every task great or small: to work with all our might in the full consciousness of our stewardship, and having done all we could, to leave the results with Him, who so graciously blesses every effort of his children to serve him this is indeed the true secret of happiness. Have we found the blessed secret? Strange that we would not teach it to the children, and that we would allow them to strive for that meanest of masters: "Self!"

"No man liveth unto himself." How long it has taken some of us to realize devoutly wish, they had leant the precious lesson when they still had youth and strength to give to their Maker. So much is written about what we owe to the children, so many earnest thinkers are trying to solve the great problem of education, that it would seem ungracious to criticize their efforts, but—are we not forgetting to teach our children the one great purpose for which they and we were created, i. e., to serve God and our fellow-men, and are not fathers, and mothers, and teachers, often guilty of encouraging the child to strive for "self"—instead of setting before them the high standard of "service"—I am among you as one that serveth—oh the wonder of it! God incarnate as "one that serveth." And we? Shall we seek another way, another truth another Life? Shall we not follow Him and learn of Him the wonderful secret of loving service? It leads Him to the cross and to the redemption of the world! Shall we not follow?—Scottish Chronicle.

Was It Glory?

"The Emden's glorious career" is the praise of a contemporary, many contemporaries.

Save in her last fight when she met her fate, wherein was the Emden's career "glorious?"

In the only other instance when the Emden attacked armed vessels, she was disguised as a Japanese ship and sailed under the colors of her foe. Mere soldiers guilty of such tactics, if captured, would be hanged as spies.

By the conventions of naval warfare, the Emden's officers were doing their duty and they were not blamable, but they were the slaves of a lingering barbarism that disgraces modern warfare.

Does the wite, despoiling the dovecote, win "glory?" Or the Wolf that raids the sheepfold?

Wherein is the ethical difference between a ruffian braining a woman with an axe and a ship of war destroying an unarmed merchantman.

One result of the great war should be the outlawing, in naval warfare, of acts that are, in their essence, cowardly and brutal—that no frenzied popular approbation or ancient tradition can rob of their meanness.

If it was heroism for the Emden not to take refuge in port, how much greater was the heroism of every unarmed vessel that went about her peaceful business on the open seas while the Emden prowled them!—Columbia State.

The Humorous Side of Life.

"Will you hab some pie, suh?"
Is it conpulsory?"
"No, sur, it am raspberry."

A curious inquirer wanted to know "What are the sister States?" and the brilliant country editor answered:

"We are not quite sure, but we should judge that they are Miss Ouri, Ida Ho, Mary Land, Callie Fornia, Allie Bama, Louisa Anna, Della Ware, Minnie Sota and Mrs. Sippi."

The American truth-teller was in form. "Talking of ants," he said "we've got 'em as big as crabs out West. I've seen 'em fight with long horns, which they use as lances, charging each other like savages."

"They don't compare with the ants I saw in the East," said an inoffensive individual nearby. "The natives have trained them as beasts of burden. One of 'em could trail a ton load four miles with ease. They work willingly, but occasionally they turned on their attendants and killed them."

"I say, old chap," said a shocked voice from the corner, what sort of ants were they?"

"Eleph-ants," replied the inoffensive individual.

"Parson," exclaimed Ephraim, "I'se got 'ligion—'ligion, I tell you."

"That's fine, brother! You are going to lay aside all sin?"

"Yes, sah."

"You're going to church?"

"Yes, sah ree."

"You are going to care for the widows?"

"Ah, yes sah."

"You are going to pay your debts?"

"Sah? Dat ain't ligion; dat's business."

"Finished your Christmas shopping yet?"

"Dear me, no. Pa still has money in the bank."—Detroit Free Press.

Billy Dingus says: "Gettin' married and buyin' a autermobile is purty much alike, 'cause it ain't the first cost of either dat's expensive. It's th' upkeep dat busts fellers' accounts."

Before the fire Christmas eve, two old maids were planning for the holidays.

"Sister Molly," said the younger, "would a long stocking hold all you would want for Xmas gift?"

"No, Elvirie," answered the elder, "but a pair of socks would."—The Philadelphia Public Ledger.

United States Senator Vardaman, so the story goes, once rented at plot of several acres to one of his black neighbors. The land was to be planted in corn, and the senator, then exgovernor, was to receive one-fourth. The corn was duly harvested, but the senator did not receive his fourth. Meeting the negro one day said:

"Look here, Sam, have you harvested your corn?"

"Yes sah, boss, long ago."

"Well, wasn't I to get a fourth?"

"Yes, sah, boss, dat's de truf, but dar wasn't no fo'th. Dere was jes' three loads and dey was mine."

The Youth's Companion tells of a Georgia woman who, after moving to the city, sent for her old colored servant. The mammy arrived just as the lady was leaving town for a visit, and had barely time to be made acquainted with city conveniences before she was left in charge. Two weeks later the lady returned and received this report: "I got along fine, Miss Flo'ence; had no trouble at all. And oh, dat gas stove—my, dat's de best stove made. Why, do you know, Miss Flo'ence, dat fire you lighted ain't gone out yit!"

"Jinks treated me mighty mean, but I got even with him, all right."

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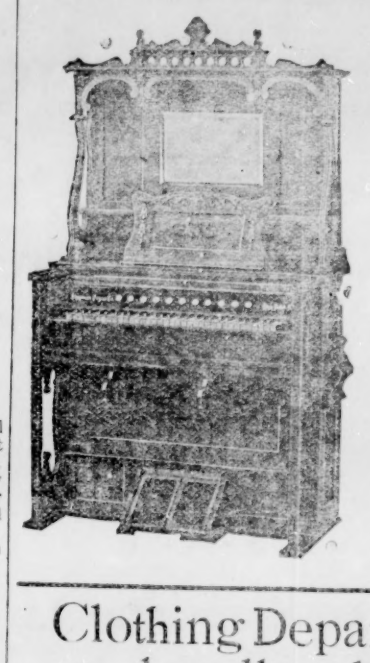

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What does it take to make a man?
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A little faithfulness every day,
Doing your work the very best way.

Some pluck and some patience, a good deal work,
Will never a hint of the will to shirk.

Some perseverance, some honor, too,
And loving thoughts by no means few.

A cheerful temper, unselfish deeds,
And a lot of earnestness, each boy needs.

A good deal of study and plenty of play;
Be sure that you do it the very best way.

Just follow this recipe, laddie, and see
In a few brief years, what a man you'll be!—Jean Halifax, in Comrade.

The Loving Act of a Dog.

During mother's long and severe illness, Carlo took great interest in all that pertained to her, watching the doctor very closely and sitting by the half hour with his chin on the bed by her side. We bought our bread, and knowing Carlo's fondness for warm biscuit the baker often gave him one which he quickly despatched. Once during a severe attack of mother's when we were doing our utmost to tempt her appetite, Carlo came in early one morning bringing his warm biscuit untouched, and laid it on the floor by mother's side. She was too sick to notice this act of his, but not to be disappointed in his own plan he came forward and lifted the biscuit to her pillow and retired again to his corner to see some look of thanks from her. It came and such a happy dog! He had brought his choicest offering—a warm biscuit—and it had been recognized. Was there not a loving plan and careful observation in this act?—Select.

Christmas Peace.

As we approach the time of Holy Christmas, what a strange contrast is presented to us. On the Bethlehem hill-sides the angelic strains of "Peace on earth: good will to men," filled the listening shepherds with a holy, peaceful awe. Now, the majority of the nations professing to be followers of the Prince of Peace, are engaged in the fiercest and most destructive wars that the world has ever known. Here in America we stand in awe; we watch; we wait, we wonder; pray;-Why? why? why? What? When? How long? O, Blessed Prince of peace, speed the day when peace shall return and love prevail!!—Ex.

The Royal word

A princess in exile lived quietly in a distant city. Sometimes she wished for the society of her kind. She wondered if the king would not invite her to court if he knew of her presence in the city. But she was too timid to make herself known.

Then, one day, when there was a crowd in the streets, she gave a handful of flowers to a weeping child, using at the same time, the royal words that had been used at court with a gift;

"As I have received, I give to thee, freely, and gladly, little one."

A gracious woman in the crowd turned aside, and came to the princess.

"You are of a royal family, I see; I heard you speak the royal word but now. I am glad I found you. Tell me of your family, and your dwelling."

Then, when the princess, had told the story, the gracious woman, who was also a princess, said: "The king shall know you are here, and you will be invited to court to dwell with others of the royal family."

Through the spoken royal word she had revealed herself to those that passed by.

So, too, shall you and I reveal ourselves by the spoken word, and find our own. If we belong in royal society, others in royal blood will hear in passing, and be drawn to us. If we belong among the mean and ignoble they, too, will hear our words, and claim us. If we belong among the commonplace, they will know us, and hold us to them by the spoken word.

Only by revealing the royal in us, shall we find the royal in others. Hiden royalty there can not be forever, for "out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."—Christian Standard.

HOME HAPPENINGS

—Miss Rodman will spend the holidays at Waxhaw.

—Miss Catherine Perry left Tuesday to spend the holidays in Atlanta.

—Miss Robinson left Tuesday for her home in Steele Creek to spend the holidays.

—Miss Martin departed yesterday for Newberry, S. C., to spend the holidays at home.

—Miss Fannie Foust is spending the holidays at her home at Graham.

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—Burton Massey of Rome, Ga., arrived on last Saturday evening to spend a few days here greeting old friends. He is attending Berry School in Georgia and likes his surroundings down there.

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—Mrs. M. H. Kingsley of Greensboro sent us half a dozen lines which were knit since her 90th birthday. Though approaching the century mark her zeal in behalf of the orphans is not lessened.

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—The following children received Testaments on last Sunday as a reward for reciting the Child's Catechism: Carrie Devinny, Ruth Alene Patterson, Paul Boyce, Lewis Hilton, Theodore Watson, Fredrick Hester, Bertie and Floy Adams.

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—In making out their list of Christmas gifts the Presbyterian Committee of Publication remembered the Orphans' Home with a package of books, and stated their intention of contributing another selection for our library at a future date.

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—School suspended Wednesday for the holidays and will resume work again January 4th. Nearly all of our faithful teachers left the same day for their homes, happy because they were soon to be among friends and relatives at that sweetest of all places—home.

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—Winston-Salem friends claim the "unbounded pleasure" of contributing 32 turkeys for the Christmas dinner. A large turkey cock headed the procession bearing this message on a card around his neck: "From Santa Claus to the Barium children." We shall think of our beloved friends at Winston-Salem on Christmas day, and assure them that this feast will be greatly appreciated by every child and worker at Barium.

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—Just as we go to press we receive the following notices of gifts in kind: Clarkton Church, two barrels of potatoes; L. M. Soc, Wallace, box of quilts; Mrs. Overman, Salisbury, one barrel of flour; Missionary Society, Salisbury 3 bunches of bananas; Miss Sallie McLean, Laurinburg, one box of handkerchiefs. Scores of others will no doubt be received later of which no mention will be made until January 7.

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—You would not think that all the good people have gone to the bad if you could read some of the letters that come to the Orphans' Home. Such expressions as these make our hearts overflow with gladness: "It gives us unbounded pleasure to have a share in giving to the orphans." "God bless all the dear little children." Yes, we have some friends who are willing to sacrifice for our children.

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—We are thankful for an invitation to attend the Christmas Entertainment in the First Presbyterian Church of Statesville. These good friends are our next door neighbors and have invited all of our children to share their hospitality. They will have a "White Christmas" for the benefit of the orphans. We appreciate this thoughtfulness on the part of our Statesville friends and are planning for some of our children to attend.

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—Rev. C. M. Richards, D. D., of Davidson, and Mr. J. C. Steele of Statesville, members of the building committee, were here Tuesday to inspect the school building. After carefully going over the entire building it was accepted from the contractors, Bumgarner and Moser, of Hickory. The new school building is the most imposing structure on our campus, with the exception of Rumple Hall, although it excells Rumple Hall in design, being constructed along the latest scientific methods in architecture. We hope soon to have a cut of this building for use in Our Fatherless Ones.

—Rev. W. C. Brown of Raeford has conceived a novel plan to increase the interest of our children in Bible study. He offers a prize to the pupil who makes the highest mark on Bible. The details will be announced later. Of course we shall accept Mr. Brown's offer. He and his good people at Raeford are second to none in their zeal in behalf of the Orphans' Home. Although they are not so strong in numbers yet the ones they have are whole-hearted christian workers.

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—The Santa Claus boxes from Raleigh have been received and everything is in readiness to make this the happiest Christmas ever celebrated at Barium. Every child received what he or she asked for and no one will be disappointed. The Raleigh church has gone a step further than any other by satisfying the wants of every childish heart in the Home.

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—Mr. J. R. Kenion has subscribed to Our Fatherless Ones for one year for the members of Little River Church with the understanding that any who think the paper is not worth 35 cents a year need not pay him for it. Good for Mr. Keinon. We hope he will not lose a cent on this proposition, in fact, he can not, as money given to the orphanage is that much on the credit side of the ledger. However, we hope every single one of these people will repay Mr. Kenion and thereby show their appreciation of the paper. This brother has hit on a novel plan. We hope other men will follow his example.

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—The following most useful gifts were received last week: First Church Concord, four boxes raisins; Union Church (Lowell) L. A. M. Society, 227 quarts fruit; Sherwood Church, one barrel containing canned fruit, groceries, etc.; Earnest Workers Band Steele Creek Church, one quilt, also from ladies in Steele Creek, 3 quilts, dried fruit, etc.; Aberdeen Church, one quilt; Howard Memorial Church, Tarboro, five gallons of pickles; Ladies in Red Springs Church one box canned fruit; Mrs. J S. McDuffie, Montpelier, four quilts. We are grateful to all of these kind friends for thus remembering us with so many useful gifts.

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—Dock, our faithful old mule who has been our mainstay on the farm for fifteen years, but now serving his time doing extra turns about the campus, is having the hardest time of his life. Some of the loads he draws from the depot would make a good load for two good mules, but Dock seems to know it is for the orphans and tugs away at his load without so much as a murmur. Here is a vote for a rest for Dock after the Christmas rush.

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Our Clothing People Live in Laurinburg

The following is taken from The Laurinburg Presbyterian, the excellent little monthly paper issued by the Presbyterian church in Laurinburg:

The pastor's recent visit to Barium Springs was one of great pleasure. He went to preach to the children for a week. There is something of peculiar pleasure and helpfulness in preaching a simple gospel to an audience of 200 children. They gave him the best attention and showed him every possible courtesy. He hopes some good was accomplished, although his visit was so short.

The Superintendent, our Bro. the Rev. W. T. Walker, known to all our people, is evidently the right man in the right place. Nothing less can be truthfully said of the children's pastor, Rev. W. M. Walsh, who was so much loved as a teacher in our community a few years ago. "Little Joe's Church" would not exchange with any other church in our Synod.

The new graded school building, for whose erection the money was given in large measure by one of our people, is almost ready for occupancy.

It is a splendid structure and well adopted to the purpose for which it has been built.

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polis. The fourth entered the U. S. Army, went to the Philippines, served the period of enlistment, came out and, as represented by those intimately acquainted with him, an ideal young man of correct life, taking an active part in christian work and now engaged in the automobile business in Okland, Cal. The fifth member of this family graduated from the State Normal College, afterwards taught in the graded schools in California then married and is now a happy mother. The fifth, a girl, is a student in the University of California and expects to graduate next summer. The only sad feature to this record is the fact that the Old North State possesses only one of these worthy sons and daughters, while far away New York and California claims the others.

Another example of what becomes of our alumni is a family of four girls from Durham. Three attended the State Normal College, two graduated, one is teaching in the graded school in Charlotte, another is teaching in the graded school in Winston-Salem, while the other two live in Durham, one is married and the other holds a responsible position with a firm in that city.

If our space would permit us we could give scores of others equally as good as these. We have refrained from mentioning names so far because time would fail us should we attempt to give all the names of worthy sons and daughters of Barium Many others of our number are of that quiet unobtrusive kind that escape public notice, but they are home-builders of the best sort.

Of those who took collegiate training after leaving the Home a partial list is the following. At Davidson: Thornwell Gibson, now a practicing physician of Batesville, S. C., and an elder in the Presbyterian Church; Oscar Mann, now pastor of Thinkling Springs Church, Virginia Synod; Ovid Pullen, now pastor of Bethany and Tabor Churches; Harris Bradford, a physician recently deceased; Herbert Deaton, now in Philadelphia; John Carriker, senior at Davidson and candidate for the ministry.

At A.&M. College, Raleigh: Clinton Powell, Malcolm Hoover, Grady Young, Albert Massey, Jim Pope and Harper Cherry.

At the University, Chapel Hill, Colin McLean, Duncan McLean, Lochamy McLean and William Pope.

At Red Springs: Clara Powell, Lula Mann, Hettie Murray, May Lowe, Nola Murray, Virginia Long and Edna Bradford.

At Statesville Female College: Beulah Bradford, Annie Lee Bradford, Grace Sossaman, Inez Gray and Melissa Warlick.

At State Normal College: Elizabeth Powell, Carrie Powell, Blanche Austin, Marianna Mann, Lottie Fite, Mary Gilbert, Bessie Reynolds, Margaret Martin, Myrtle Austin, Coline Austin, Bertha Beatie, Vivian Douglass, Edna Douglass, Annie Fite and Flora Martin.

At Asheville Normal College: Cornelia Carter, Florence Bradford, Janie Bradford and Louise Lurham.

At the Richmond Business College: Lewis Smith and Lizzie Smith.

King's Business College: Annie Blue, Margaret McGilvary, Cottie Cherry and John Grier.

Thornwell College, Clinton S. C., Janie Gilland.

Wake Forest College: Murton Alexander.

The following are graduate nurses: Sallie Lineberger, Ada Herron, Emily Barnhardt, Ellie Hoover, Melissa Hoover, Beatrice Gray, Kate Harrington, Fannie Smith, Susan Blaylock, Della Cook Irene Leslie, Sueanna Carriker and Annie Bailey. The following are in training: Elnora Stanley, Emily Martin and Loma Trull.

These are stenographers: Elizabeth Powell, Bertha Beatie, Lena Lineberger, Minnie Reynolds, Margaret Martin and Annie Blue.

The following are journalists and printers: W. Harlee Branch, on the editorial staff of the Atlanta Journal, John G. Sterling, on the editorial staff of the Twin-City Sentinel, Winston-Salem; Daniel Carter, James Reynolds, Murton Alexander, Lochamy and Cameron McLean are classed as master printers. Robert Moize and others are machinists. And last and least in the order of journalists is Jas. P. Gray who has the honor of being editor of Our Fatherless Ones, the best paper published because it represents the cream of the citizenship of the Old North State. It is judged not by the editor or the paper but by the number of its loyal friends.

And so, at this blessed season of the year when so many hearts are overflowing with happiness, the writer as the spokesman for this mighty host of loyal sons and daughters of Barium, scattered in person yet united in heart, desires to extend most cordial wishes to all of the friends of the Orphans' Home, new and old, for a happy, merry Christmas and a prosperous, prolonged New Year. It is to you, kind friends, that we owe everything in the way of success. You made all of this possible, and it is to you, North Carolina Presbyterians, we bow in perpetual thanksgiving. May God bless you in proportion to what you have done for us.

And to you, worthy sons and daughters of Barium, the string to the door latch always hangs on the outside, and you have a standing invitation to come, where:

"The flowers and bees are sleeping;
They wait the call from thee
To wake and garb with glory
The hillside and the tree.

The stars have turned to silver,
The weary hours and gone,
And lo! a glory lingers
As of a holier dawn."

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